THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes. Sir, Maharashtra is one of the deficit States in production of foodgrains. However, the allocation of foodgrains to vari, ons States|UT$_s$ from Central Pool under PDS is only supplemental to open market availability and these allocations are made on month to month basis, taking into account the overall availability of stocks in tile Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors.

(b) Demands for allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) under PDS are received on month to month basis from the States|UTs. Maharashtra Government had demanded 23.80 lakh tonnes of foodgrains (wheat and nce) during the year 1988 and 6.55 lakh tonnes during the current year upto March, 1989.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As a result of a review of allocations of various States|UTs undertaken in the light of the stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool and better market availability in the wake of a bum,
iper crop kbriff paddy and coarse-grains, the rice quota of most States, including Maharashtra, has been reduced by 20 per cent from February, 1989. The rice allocation to Maharashtra has accordingly been reduced from 65,000 tonnes in January to 52.000 tonnes per month from February, 1989. The allocation of wheat to Maharashtra has, however, been raised from 90,000 tonnes in January, 1989 to 94,500 tonnes for February 1989, and further to 1,00000 tonnes for March, 1989.

Increase in the allocation of edible oil to Maharashtra

2803. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CTVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible cil imported during the last year and like!/ to be imported in this financial year;

(b) the details of allocations ms de or are being made to different States;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested for increjsinr* the allocations of imported edible o'l to that State on the ground that it is the most urbanised State in the country and the needs of coasumers of that State are highest; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Central Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUP. PLIES (SHRl D. L. BAITHA): (a) A quantity of about 19.67 lakh tonnes of edible oils was imported during the last financial year 1987-88. During the current financial year 1988-89 a quantity of about 11 lakh tonnes of edible oils was imported till 31-1.1989.

(b) A statement indicating State.wise allocation of imported edible oils during the oil-year 1988.89, month-wise till February, 1989 i$_s$ enclosed (See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 152].

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir the Maharashtra Government has from time to tim$_e$ asked for an increase in the allocafions of imported edible oils on various grounds. In. the present situation of increased availability of indigenous oils and the consequent reduction in imports, if is not poss'ble to increase the monthly allocations of imported edible oils to Maharashtra.

Central Stock of Foodgrains

2804. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CTVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total Central stock of foodgrains at the end of 1980, 1983, 1985 and 1988; and

(b) how this stock has been and 's being utilised during this period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVTL SUP. PLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA); (a) The stocks of foodgrains with Food Corporation of Indi$_a$ at the end of 1980, 1983, 1985 and 1988 were estimated a't 8.62, 12.09, 16.88 and 8.05 million tonnes res'-pectively.

(b) The stocks were and are being irt?. lized fo$_r$ meeting the requirements of the public distribution system, inclusive of